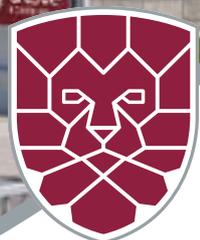


Hazel Grove High School – 2023 Sixth Form re-opening update

We want to update you on our exciting plans to re-open the Sixth Form at Hazel Grove High School. Since the public consultation in late 2020 and the difficult decision taken to pause admissions, we are pleased to inform you of the following progress.



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- The school was inspected by Ofsted in January 2022 and we were delighted that the Sixth Form provision was deemed to be **Outstanding**.

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Students in the Sixth Form are supported extremely well to reach demanding goals. They have exemplary attitudes to their education and wider development. Students in the sixth form access an aspirational and carefully designed programme of study that meets their specific needs. Teachers are highly skilled in supporting students to quickly acquire complex knowledge. Consequently, students gain a deep and secure understanding of the subjects that they are studying. They are exceptionally well prepared for their next steps in education, employment or training.

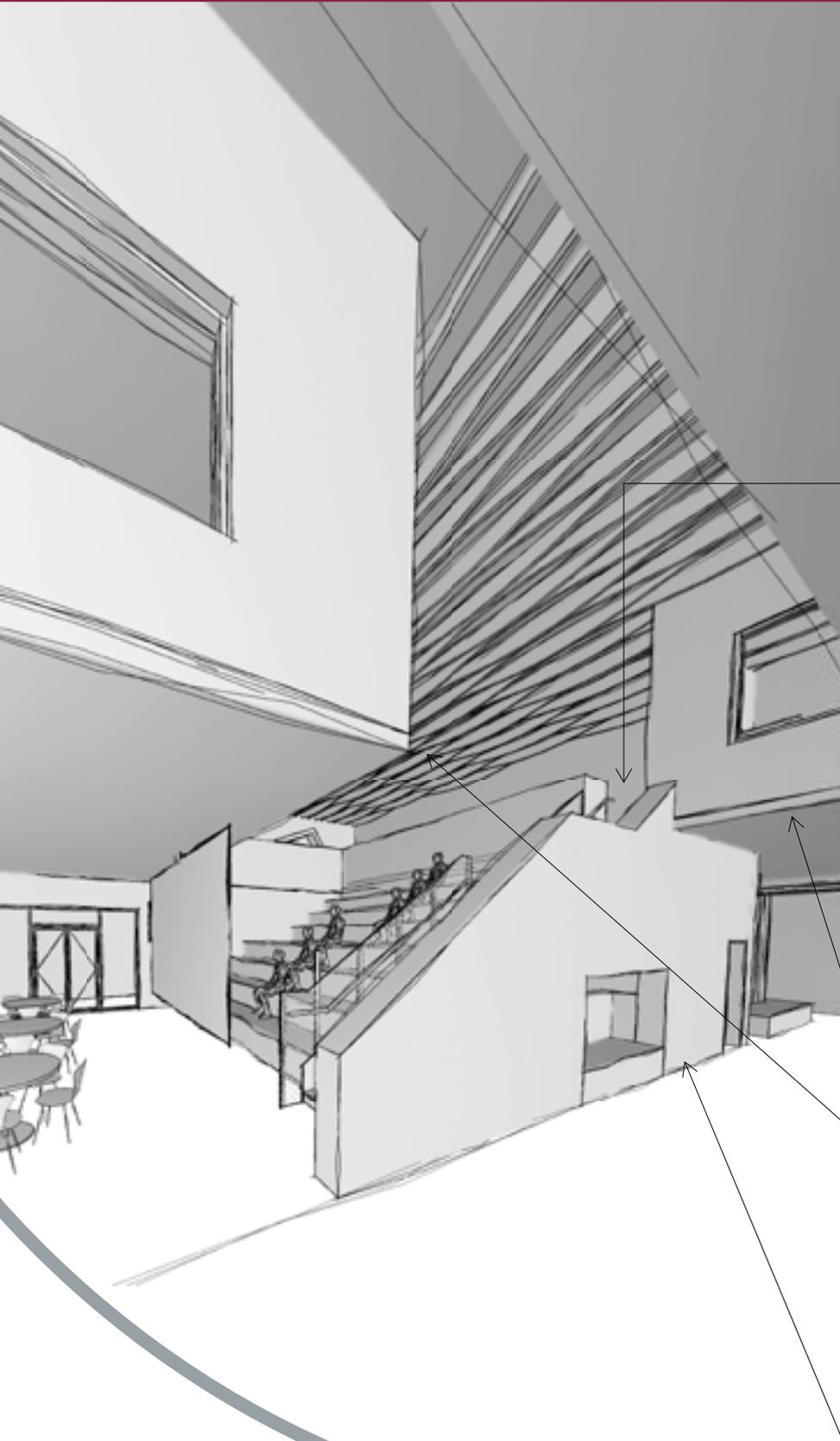
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– Ofsted report 2022



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- Funding has been approved by the Laurus Trust's Board of Trustees for a £3m refurbishment and renovation of the current Sixth Form building.



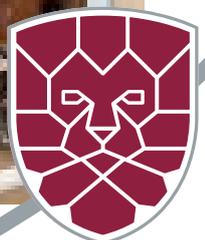
Meeting / studies area



Giant steps



Feature seating areas



- Planning permission has been granted by Stockport MBC.
- A contractor has been chosen to undertake the refurbishment following a tender process. Set up of the construction area around the building will start in the half term holiday. The project will last for 56 weeks and the building will be ready in summer 2023. We envisage our year 11 students receiving their GCSE results and registering for their Sixth Form place in the new building!
- Our Sixth Form admissions policy for September 2023 was approved by the Board of Trustees following a public consultation in late 2021. This can be found [here](#).
- We have listened to the 2020 consultation responses and refreshed the Sixth Form identity, vision and subject offer. More on this can be found on the next page.
- All year 10 students have attended the Life after Laurus convention where they had an opportunity to explore the pathway to higher and further education. Students have discovered more about different universities from guest speakers and workshops as well as trips to Manchester, Lancaster and Sheffield Universities. A level taster sessions have taken place with subject specialists and Sixth Form assemblies and student focus groups have allowed students to find out more about our new Sixth Form.



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Our vision is for every student, regardless of background or circumstance, to achieve the A level grades which will open the door to the future of their choice, including access to the most competitive and prestigious universities and professions.

Academic Aspiration underpins everything we will offer in the Sixth Form. It is a cornerstone for success. A student's path towards realising their aspirations will start with their subject choices.

We have thought a lot about what subjects to offer, and in putting our curriculum offer together two things have been uppermost in our thoughts: Firstly, we will offer the subjects that the leading universities see as being very important. We call these 'facilitating' subjects. Put another way, they are the most traditionally accepted 'academic' subjects that universities value highly.

Mathematics, Further Mathematics, English Literature, Geography, History, Biology,

Chemistry, Physics, French, German and Spanish.

Leading universities tell us that these subjects give students the widest range of options for progression to degree courses. However, it doesn't mean they have to study all facilitating subjects, nor does it mean that the other subjects are not valued by universities.

Secondly, we will offer a range of other subjects that we know are popular and students are interested in pursuing:

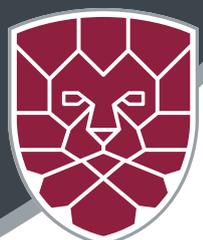
Art, Drama & Theatre, English Language, Physical Education, Media, Art Textiles, Business Studies, 3D Design, Psychology, Core Mathematics (level 3) and EPQ (AS level).

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Subject choice during the Sixth Form years is one of the key decisions teenagers make in their lives – determining their future university and life prospects

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– Sir Peter Lampl, Chairman of the Sutton Trust



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Our decision to pause admissions

The decision to pause admissions for two years was a difficult one and disappointing for some of last year's year 11s as well as our current year 11s. We have worked hard to support these two year groups in securing post-16 education options. With all students attending our annual post-16 careers event which included over 25 local post-16 providers attending and offering advice and guidance. All students have received one to one personalised careers interviews with many students having additional meetings with Stockport Education

and Careers Advice Service, creating a smooth transition to post-16. Within the personal development program all students have developed a better understanding of post-16 and 18 pathways. This has included CV and application writing skills, practice interviews and employability. Parents have been given opportunities to attend careers related events throughout the year. We have fully embraced the national careers / apprenticeship week running a range of additional assemblies, guest speakers and activities.

Next steps...

Now is an important step in our journey to reopening the Sixth Form in September 2023. We want to hear what you think so we can provide the community with the successful and sustainable sixth form offer it deserves. Interested parties, are warmly invited to share their views by completing the questionnaire accessed [here](#).

The questionnaire will be open until 4pm on Thursday 23rd June 2022.

